

OWASIPPE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



CHICAGO COUNCIL--BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

"O
MY FATHER
I AM READY
SEND ME ON THIS GRACIOUS ERRAND"



Uncas, son of the aged Chingachgook thus announced to his Tribe, the Delawares, that he was ready to go forth and help his people, even at the cost of his own life. You too, in a different manner have served those about you and because of this they have seen fit to elect you to membership in the Order of the Arrow, which in the language of the Lenni Lenape Indians is termed Wimachtendienk W. W.

OWASIPPE LODGE WELCOMES

Donald Brant
TO its midst, and greets
you with the message the
aged chief gave his son—
"For he who serves
his fellows is, of
all his fellows,
greatest."

We are proud of our organization, -
it is a living group. Its life
is assured and its ideals will survive just as long as individuals such as yourself become vitally interested in carrying out what so many before you have undertaken...to render "unselfish service to others."

As a member of the Order you will want to know something of its aims, policies and history. Read this booklet and preserve it for future reference.



HISTORY

Our legend begins:

"Years ago, in the
dim ages, in the
valley of the
Delaware"

And carries on to tell
the story of the band-
ing together of the Lenni Lenape to perpetuate and
to carry on the tradition of service they had be-
gun by saving their own tribe from extinction.

The Directors of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Scout Camp, searched for some means of recognizing the Scouts who stood out in their exemplification of the Scout Oath and Law, and in the old Legend they found the answer to their needs. In 1915, in that same Delaware Valley, because they were "unselfish in Service to others" a selected group of Scouts were banded together in a rebirth of the organization Chingachgook had founded so many years before. Thus, we who are members of the Order, are the present-day link "In a great and mystic Order."

The Order has so fully carried out its purpose that almost two hundred Scout Councils all over the country have Lodges. No one has gone about promoting the organization of Lodges, they have grown out of the advertising their own good work has produced. The words of Uncas have spread from the mother Lodge, Unami, in Philadelphia throughout the East, migrated to the Middle West and then into the North, the South and the South West. Today thirty six States of the Union bear witness to Chingachgook's words,

"...seed dropped by the sower on
good soil bears quick fruitation"

Our full name is, Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk W. W., though commonly it is termed the "Order of the Arrow."

The World War temporarily interfered with the development of the Order, but the progressiveness of

our founders out weighed the loss of time. Perhaps you recall this from our Legend:

"Springtime blossomed into summer,
Summer into Autumn ripened
Autumn died on Winter's bosom."

And thus, as the years rolled on, our Order gained its strength.

In 1921, The National Lodge, our governing body, was created. In those early years the National Lodge met annually — we now meet biennially. As the Arrow grew in stature, it was felt that our organization should become a recognized and officially approved part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America; work on this was commenced in 1929.

Then at our own Owasispe, when the National Lodge met here in 1933, the Constitution and By-Laws were revised so as to make the changes necessary to gain the approval of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. In 1934, we accomplished our long sought aim, the Arrow became an official part of the Boy Scout Program. Each year every Lodge must secure a new charter, approved by both the National Council of the Boy Scouts and the National Lodge of the Order.

THE OWASIPPE LODGE

The Owasispe Lodge takes its name from our camp, the Owasispe Scout Camps, named after the great Indian Chieftain of the Pottawatomie Tribe. The legend of Owasispe and his two sons is part of our tradition, inseparably woven into the history of our camps. You will recall how his sons went off to achieve the status of "brave". You too, were sent on a period of testing, and that you are now with us proves you succeeded.

Our Order is unique in that its members are elected by those outside its ranks, the only vote taken by members has to do with the way the candidate fulfills the Ordeal.

ORDER OF THE ARROW HONORS

There are three honors which may be conferred on members of the Order.

The first honor is the Ordeal honor. This is given to those campers who, in the judgment of the fellow-campers from their troop, best exemplify the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. You recall that you were received with the Understanding that it was "not so much for what you have done, as for what you are expected to do."

The second is known as the Brotherhood Honor. After a sufficient period of time to allow the Ordeal Honor member to learn the meaning of the Order, and having reached the age of 15 he may be considered for this degree. Having absorbed and practiced the obligation you took, you must show "BROTHERHOOD" in order to gain the Honor.

The third and highest is the VIGIL HONOR. This is reserved for those Brothers who have long and outstandingly served Scouting, the Camps and the Order to an unusual degree. In order to receive the Vigil Honor a member's record must be approved by the Chapter, the Owasippe Lodge and the National Lodge.

THE ARROW SONG

Firm bound in Brotherhood
Gather the clan that cheerful service
Brings to fellow man.
Circle our council fire,
Weld tightly every link
That binds us in Brotherhood,
Wimachtendienk.

SERVICE TO YOUR TROOP AND CHAPTER

You can start by attending every meeting. Go out of your way to get acquainted with your fellow members. Take part in the business of the meetings. If you do not clearly understand what is taking place inquire of the older members.

Your Chapter has many service committees. Seek out the chairman of the Service and Ideals committee and offer your services. Tell him how much time you have at your disposal.

Your membership in the Order of the Arrow should strengthen your troop affiliation. If you have a position that carries responsibility, give your best service, help your troop to grow and be active in troop, community and Council activities.

Truly, the world of opportunity for service is yours. The Order of the Arrow is yours - "Weld tightly every link," and remember "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

ARROW WINTER ACTIVITIES

Each chapter of the Owasippe Lodge has its own organization and program. Their meetings may include such activities as game nights, business meetings, Brotherhood instruction, overnight and day hikes and camp promotion meetings.

Chapters and Districts

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Garrison Chapter	—	South West District
Blackhawk Chapter	—	West Side District
Wakay Chapter	—	North Shore District
Checaugau Chapter	—	North West District
Moqua Chapter	—	South Shore District
Takodah Chapter	—	Douglas District

There are also two annual Lodge functions in which the combined membership of all chapters participate. They are the Fellowship Council in the fall, and the Lodge banquet held during Christmas week.

ARROW INSIGNIA

You can secure the Order Insignia at the Camp Trading Post during the summer, or in the Camping Service of the Chicago Council Office, 9 West Washington Street, throughout the rest of the year.

There are three types of pins, The Ordeal Pin, The Brotherhood Pin of the Owasippe Lodge (For members of the Honor) bearing the Owasippe Lodge Totem and the Vigil Pin.

The sash may be worn by members of the Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Honors. Sashes should be worn at all Order of the Arrow affairs. Wear it point upwards, over your right shoulder for Ordeal Honor. For Brotherhood and Vigil Honor it is worn over the left shoulder.

LODGE POLICIES

The democratic policies on which our Order is founded are safe guarded by the Owasippe Lodge By-Laws, in conformance with the policies of the National Lodge Constitution.

Through the medium of the By-Laws, the activities of the Lodge and its Chapters are directed and the requirements for Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honors are developed and upheld.

Each Chapter exists through authority of the Owasippe Lodge. The Chapter may elect certain officers who, with other members of the Chapter comprise the Executive Committee of the Chapter. Each Chapter has a Chief, Senior Vice-Chief, Junior Vice-Chief, Guardian of the Trail, Treasurer, Secretary and Meteu. The Chief of the Fire is the Camp Director or the District Executive.

Each Chapter has its own treasury. The Owasippe Lodge receives its funds from the Owasippe Scout Camps and therefore has no separate treasury.

Copies of the By-Laws are in the hands of every Chapter Chief and members can review them at their convenience.

Each Chapter appoints four delegates to the Owasippe Lodge Executive council. This Council guides the destinies of the Owasippe Lodge and the several chapters. The Executive Council revises the By-Laws, when necessary, interprets them, authorizes Lodge activities, develops educational material, and handles all affairs of the Lodge. The Chapters are responsible to the Executive Council for their actions.

The Chief of the Owasippe Lodge, the Vice Chief, the Secretary and the Meteu are elected by the Executive Council of the Lodge. They act as the officers of the Lodge.

Other officers of the Lodge are,

1. Supreme Chief of the Fire
Scout Executive
2. Two Deputy Supreme Chiefs of the Fire.
 - a. Director of Camping Service
 - b. Chief Camp Director of Owasippe.

FOR AUTOGRAPHS AND NOTES

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